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What's what's the matter.

Dan Bryant's
Celebrated Song.

AS SINGED BY HIM WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

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MODERATO.



I. We live in hard and stirring times, Too sad for mirth, too rough for rhymes: For
 II. Oh! yes, we thought our neighbors true, To - duly'd them as their mothers do; They



songs of peace have lost their chimes, And that's what's the mat - ter! The
 storms'd our bright Red, White and Blue, And that's what's the mat - ter! We'll



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men we held as brothers true, Have turn'd in - to a reb - el crew; So
ne - ver give up what we gain, For now we know we must main-tain Our
now we have to put them thro', And that's what's the mat - ter!]
Laws and Rights with might and main; And that's what's the mat - ter!]

CHORUS.

That's what's the mat - ter, The reb - els have to seat - ter; We'll
make them flee, By land and sea, And that's what's the mat - ter!



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The rebels thought we would divide,
And Democrats would take their side;
They then would let the Union slide,
And that's what's the matter!
But, when the war had once begun,
All party feeling soon was gone;
We join'd as brothers, ev'ry one!
And that's what's the matter!

CHO'S.

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The Merrimac, with heavy sway,
Had made our Fleet an easy prey—
The Monitor got in the way,
And that's what's the matter!
So health to Captain Ericsson,
I cannot tell all he has done,
I'd never stop when once begun,
And that's what's the matter!

CHO'S.

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We've heard of General Beauregard,
And thought he'd fight us long and hard;
But he has play'd out his last card,
And that's what's the matter!
So what's the use to fret and pont,
We soon will hear the people shout,
Secession dodge is all play'd out!
And that's what's the matter!

CHO'S.

Ernest Clayton.